



**Mari Murayama**

**Historian**

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**Occupation**

Pilot, flying Lear 35s a Lear 55 and a Hawker 800 for a Part 135 on-demand charter company

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**Member since**

1986

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**Type of Certificate**

ATP

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**What ratings to you hold?**

Airplane multiengine land  
LR-JET, HS-125 type ratings

Commercial privileges airplane single engine land, rotorcraft-helicopter

Flight instructor airplane single and multiengine, instrument airplane, rotorcraft-helicopter

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**Flight Hours**

10,500

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**Do you own an airplane?**

Does a paper airplane count?

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**Why did you start flying?**

I think my father sparked my interest in flying, although he was not a pilot. He bought me a “learn to fly” book before I was old enough to drive. Unfortunately he didn’t live long enough to see me do it.

I got my private when I was in college, although I never imagined at the time I would fly for a living. It was something I wanted to do entirely for myself and not for any practical reason.

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**Tell us about your favorite flying adventure**

I would have to say it was moving up to Boise, Idaho to take my first full-time job as a pilot. I flew a Cessna 206 doing aerial mapping all over the northwest.

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**Why did you join the 99s?**

My boyfriend encouraged me to join and for once he was right!

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**What is your favorite 99s event or activity?**

At this point for me it’s not so much about the specific activities. I just enjoy socializing and hanging out.

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